

# *The Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma*

## *Citizenship Board*

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## CHECKLIST FOR CITIZENSHIP

(If the applicant's signature is in the box below, the checklist is required with your application)

- ☐ Must complete application for Citizenship (must list name(s) of ancestry and roll number)
- ☐ The application of an applicant, eighteen (18) years of age or older, must be signed the applicant or by the applicant's legal guardian. The application of an applicant less than eighteen (18) years of age shall be submitted only by the applicant's parent possessing legal custody of the minor or by his/her legal guardian and must be signed by the person submitting the application.
- ☐ The person who signs the application is required to enclose a copy of his/her state ID or state drivers license.
- ☐ Submit Original/Certified Copy of your State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate.
- ☐ If submitting a Delayed, or Amended Birth and/or Death Certificate, you must include one supporting document that list the parent(s) names, such as Social Security Abstract, School Record, or Probated Will which list the person as a heir.
- ☐ Submit the Original/Certified Copy of the State Certified Full Image Birth and/or Death Record(s) of your Non Enrolled ancestry(s) through whom you are tracing.
- ☐ When tracing back to the original enrollee you must submit a State Certified Death Certificate, which must list the creek parent(s) as listed on 1906 Dawes Roll.
- ☐ Copy of the Applicant's Social Security Card (Must show birth name or current Married/Legal Name)
- ☐ **VETERANS:** Applicants, who are veterans, please submit your DD Form 214. For this document entitles a veteran a specialized Citizenship Card upon acceptance onto the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Roll.
- ☐ **Name Changes due to Marriage and/or Divorce** must be documented with an original/ certified copy of the marriage license and/or divorce decree or possibly three forms of identification. Contact the Citizenship Office for accepted forms of identification. **(See Back of Instructions for Legal Name Change)**
- ☐ **ADOPTIONS:** Must submit the certified copy of Petition and Final Decree of Adoption and must include a State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate (After Adoption).
- ☐ \*For applicants 18 yrs. old and above, please enclose a PASSPORT photo of yourself as well as a legible copy of your State Driver's License or State ID. (Photo Criteria: color, 2" x 2", white background) (NO Polaroid or Professional Photos) **Applicant's signature is required in the box.**
- ☐ \*For applicants 12 to 17 yrs old, please enclose a PASSPORT photo of yourself as well as a legible copy of the State Driver's License or State ID of the parent/legal guardian that signed the application. (Photo Criteria: color, 2" x 2", white background) (NO Polaroid or Professional Photos) **Applicant's signature is required in the box.**

\*APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE CANNOT TOUCH THE LINES\*

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### INSTRUCTIONS

To insure your citizenship application is processed in a timely manner, please follow all instructions carefully. Any deviation from these instructions will delay the enrollment process.

1. Complete the application for citizenship. List the name(s) of your ancestor(s) & roll number(s) from the Index and Final Rolls of Citizens of The Five Civilized Tribes.
2. The applicant will need to be prepared to update the last enrolled member(s)' file(s) from their direct lineage at the discretion of the Director/Manager or his/her designees.
3. Attach your **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD**. This document will be signed by the State Registrar, embossed with the State Seal and must list the state file number. All originals will be returned after they are reviewed.
  - i. If you are submitting a **Delayed** or **Amended** Birth Certificate and/or Death Certificate, you must include one supporting document that lists the parents' names, such as a social security abstract, a school record, or a probated will which lists the person as a heir.
  - ii. **CAUTION:** Hospital, city and county birth/death certificates are **NOT** acceptable. Computer generated, abstracted or transcribed birth certificates are **NOT** acceptable. You will need to order the record directly from the State Vital Statistics Office and specifically request a **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORD**. Photocopies are **NOT** accepted.
4. Submit State Certified Full Image(s) of the Birth and/or Death Certificate(s) of your **NON-ENROLLED** ancestor(s) through whom you are tracing. Please review the **CAUTION** section above.
  - i. If you provide a death record, it must list the Creek parent(s) name. You will need to provide a supporting document for each death record. (See supporting document(s) above) (Ex: If your mother is Creek and is not enrolled, we need her birth certificate to connect you to the first enrolled citizen.)
5. When tracing back to the original enrollee, you must submit a **State Certified Full Image** of the original Birth and/or Death Certificate(s), which must list the Creek Parent as listed on the Index and Final Rolls of Citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes. Again, all originals will be returned after they are reviewed.
6. **ADOPTION:** Applicant(s) are eligible for Citizenship only through the **Biological Creek Parent(s)**. A certified copy of the Petition for Adoption and the Final Decree of Adoption must accompany the application for Citizenship, as well as the **STATE CERTIFIED, FULL IMAGE BIRTH CERTIFICATE after the adoption**. All information will remain CONFIDENTIAL.
7. Please send the completed applications with the required documents to: **MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
ATTN: CITIZENSHIP BOARD  
PO BOX 580  
OKMULGEE, OK 74447**

**(SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**

## **ATTENTION**

-THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS OF YOUR CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION VARIES DUE TO THE APPLICATIONS BEING PROCESSED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

**-IN THE REVIEW PROCESS OF THE APPLICANT'S DOCUMENTATION AND DIRECT LINEAGE, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY OR MAY NOT BE REQUESTED AFTER THE INFORMATION IS REVIEWED.**

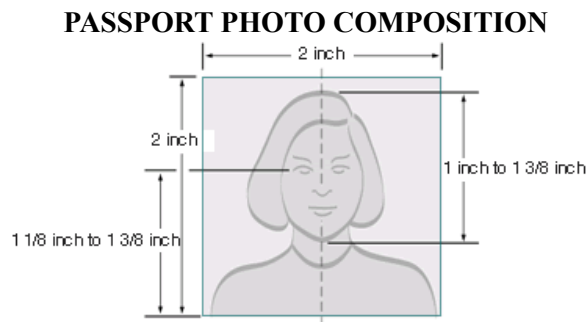
**REMEMBER:** All incomplete applications will be returned. If other documents are needed you will be contacted.

Please be sure to fill out blanks to the best of your knowledge, being careful to submit maiden names and previous names - this will help us research your records much faster.

Do not forget a xerox copy of your social security card - your application will be incomplete and returned.

**Legal Name Changes** must be documented with the original/certified copy of the Order of Name Change court record and the amended State Certified Full Image Birth Certificate after the Legal Name Change. The court record must show that it was filed with a County Court and is signed by the judge.

If unsure about Passport photos, please review this website: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/photos/photos.html>



**REMEMBER: Photocopies of birth or death certificates will not be accepted.**

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Please help the Citizenship Office update deceased citizen's information, if your creek parent(s) or creek grandparent(s) are deceased please submit the death certificate of the citizen or call the Citizenship office with this information so a death notice may be completed for the deceased citizen.

If you move during enrollment process, please notify this office at 1-800-482-1979 or (918) 732-7941.

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# The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Application



Return Application to:  
**Citizenship Office**  
**P.O. Box 580**  
**Okmulgee, OK 74447**

Contact Information:  
**(918) 732-7941**  
**1 (800) 482-1979**

The Citizenship Board office is governed by a Citizenship Board consisting of five members. This office provides services to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma or to potential citizens in giving direction or assisting in the lineage verification process of the Muscogee (Creek) people. The mission of this office is to verify the lineage of descendants of persons listed on the 1906 Dawes Roll of Creek by Blood. In doing so, research is involved in the whole aspect of attaining citizenship. The criteria for citizenship is that you must be Creek by blood and trace back to a direct ancestor listed on the 1906 Dawes Roll by issuance of birth and/or death certificates.

<b>(Complete the application with a black/blue pen)</b> <b>(Unless stated otherwise, all blocks must be completed or it's an incomplete application)</b>			
Name (First, Middle, Last, Maiden):			
Date of Birth:	S.S. #:	Sex:	Male      Female
Is Applicant Adopted?    Yes    No	Marital Status:    Single    Married    Widow    Separated	Veteran:    Yes - (See Checklist)	
Home Phone: (    )    -		(Optional) Cell Phone: (    )    -	
(Optional) Email:			
<b>Physical Address (NO P.O. BOX)</b>			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
<b>Mailing Address</b>			
Same as Physical Address:    Yes    No	Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
<b>Tribal Background</b>			
Other Indian Blood:    Yes    No	If yes, list tribe(s):		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ENROLLMENT ARE CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP, I VERIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT. UNDER MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 14, SEC 2-507, IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDIAN PERSON TO WILLFULLY, INTENTIONALLY, AND KNOWINGLY MAKE OR CAUSE TO BE MADE A FALSE APPLICATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP. AN INDIAN APPLICANT CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF SUBSECTION B OF TITLE 14, SEC. 1-601.

**SIGNATURE (Required):** (Parents must sign for applicant under 18). Other persons may sign for a minor or disabled person if legal documentation is submitted.

**PRINT NAME (Required):** (Parent's signature is required for applicant under 18). Other persons may sign for a minor or disabled person if legal documentation is submitted.

## LINEAGE CHART

(If one or both biological creek parent(s) are enrolled, complete the creek parent(s) information then STOP)

**KEY:**

**Maternal - Mother's Side of the Family**

**D.O.B.: Date of Birth**

**S.S.#: Social Security Number**

**Paternal - Father's Side of the Family**

**D.O.D.: Date of Death**

### Parents

Mother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
Father:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

### Maternal Grandparents

MGMother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
MGFather:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

### Paternal Grandparents

PGMother:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	
PGFather:	D.O.B:	Tribe & Roll#:
S.S. #:	D.O.D:	

**FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE, PLEASE USE BACK OF THIS PAGE**

### OFFICE USE ONLY:

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## **NO DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who are of another American Indian Tribe must sign an oath saying they are not enrolled with another tribe.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (print applicant's name) as a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby swear (or affirm) that, I am not enrolled and will not enroll as a citizen of any other federally recognized Indian Tribe, Nation Band Pueblo, Rancheria, or Alaska Native Village, or any other federally recognized Indian entity (except a tribal town of the Muscogee Nation), without first resigning my enrollment in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or without giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

I further understand that a violation of this oath is punishable by not receiving tribal services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 yrs. old)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (print applicant's full name) authorize the release of information requested by the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The requested information shall be used solely in the administration of citizenship related programs.

Agencies that may be contacted include, but are not limited to:

Programs and Services of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Indian Health Services, School Authorities, local, state and federal agencies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**  
(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 yrs. old)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above signature is by:

- ( ) Self
- ( ) Next-of-Kin
- ( ) Authorized Representative